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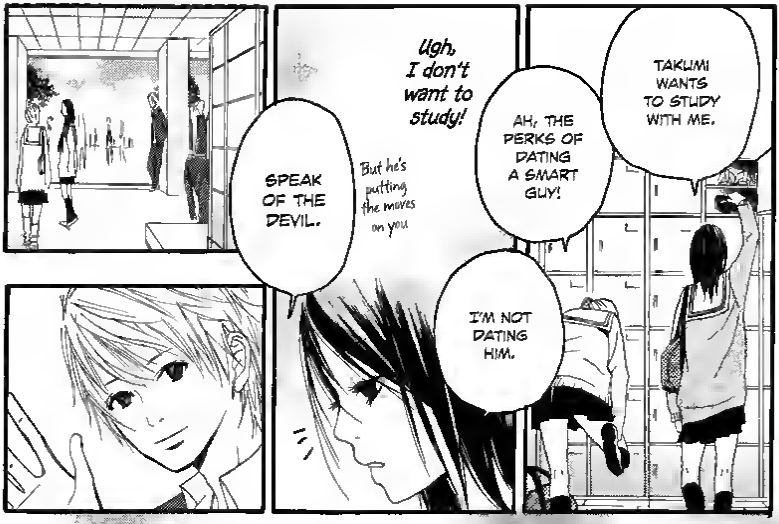
HEY, NAGI.
HEY THERE.
MID-TERMS ARE A REAL DRAG!
DID YOU STUDY?
NOPE, NOT AT ALL.
I FORGOT TO TAKE MY TEXTBOOK HOME, SO I COULDN'T BE BOTHERED.
COME OFF IT, YOU LIAR, YOU!
AH HA HA!
OK, EVERY-ONE SETTLE DOWN.
I HAVE AN ANNOUNCE-MENT TO MAKE.
MMMMM
MMMMM
YES, TODAY WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE FIRST DAY OF MIDTERMS, BUT...
RATTLE
But I was telling the truth.

TODAY, THE SCHOOL RECEIVED A BOMB THREAT.
FIRST THINGS FIRST... PLEASE DON'T PANIC.
SO WE GET OFF EARLY, HUH?
SCARY.
SAVED BY THE BOMB! I DIDN'T STUDY FOR TODAY.
NAGI, GOT ANY PLANS AFTER THIS?
NAH, THE BOMB JUST BOUGHT US ANOTHER DAY.
MAN, WHOEVER IS BEHIND THIS HAS A LOT OF GUTS.


Ugh, I don't want to study!
But he's putting the moves on you
TAKUMI WANTS TO STUDY WITH ME.
AH, THE PERKS OF DATING A SMART GUY!
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL.
I'M NOT DATING HIM.

LET'S GO TO MY HOUSE.
IS THAT A GOOD IDEA?
MY FOLKS WON'T BE HOME UNTIL EVENING.
YAY! I COULD USE A DRINK.
I OWE THE BOMBER DUDE ONE.
HA HA HA!

This guy may look like an angel, but the things that come out of his mouth... (He doesn't mean any harm, though. I think.)

Today I planted A BOMB under the SCHOOL It goes off at 4 PM 4:4 The world is corrupt & WILL pay

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NAGI,
CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET?
WHAT SECRET?
I THINK...
...MY YOUNGER BROTHER SENT THAT THREAT.
.....
uh...
RING RING
SORRY, GOTTA TAKE THIS CALL.
MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME.♪
shut
What was that about?
He has a brother?
Hmm...

The books on his shelf all look difficult.
He's ambitious, all right.
What's with this room?
SPACIOUS
Way too much empty space.
He's got a promising future ahead of him.
Not that there's anything wrong with that.
SWING
I wouldn't mind that one bit.
YOU'RE BACK, TAKU—

Who-?
HE'S SEEING ANOTHER CHICK, YOU KNOW.
Huh?
OH, AND SHE'S HOTTER THAN YOU.
IT'S HER ON THE PHONE.
SHUT
What?
...did he just say?
DIDN'T THINK IT'D TAKE THAT LONG. SORRY.
swing

WHOA!
WHAT'S WRONG?
SOME GUY SHOWED UP. YOUR BROTHER.
HUH?
OH! YEAH, HE SHOULD BE HOME BY NOW.
BEST NOT TO DEAL WITH HIM, THOUGH.
He has a halo.
Point taken.
But that's not the problem here, OK? It's what's up with your brother.
WE'VE GOT PHYSICS, MATH, AND ENGLISH TOMORROW, HUH?
LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED HELP WITH ANYTHING.
MATH IS ABOUT GETTING THE HANG OF STUFF. THE REST IS PERSEVERANCE.
You can count on me!
You don't go up to a stranger and drop a brick on them. Which he totally did. And don't get me started on his hair. That wet look, the way it falls over his eyes.
That's it! Substitute for x right there. And then...
While we're on the subject, the look in his eyes spells trouble—with a capital T.
Nagi.

sad eyes.
...with those cold,
It's like he sees the glass as half empty ...
you know,
He does seem like the kind of guy who would,
Bulletin Board
send a bomb threat.

WHO WROTE IT, A FRESHMAN?
BEATS ME.
POOR KID, GETTING HIS STUFF PUT OUT ON DISPLAY.
WHAT'S THAT? SOMEBODY'S COMPOSITION?
WHOA! BLOATED MUCH? NO WAY IN HELL I CAN READ THAT.
Prick!
OUR VERY OWN LIT GEEK, HOW CUTE.
Hot stuff
It's Takumi.
NOW I FEEL LIKE READING POEMS, PEOPLE. POEMS.
LET'S GET GOING.
Ah ha ha! Start with Goethe, man!
LET'S GO!
What were they looking at?
Oh.
I've Writing
A writing essay.

It's him.

As intimidating as ever.

LIBRARY
This guy is weird.
HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND SINCE THEN. SO YOU GO TO THIS SCHOOL.
A FRESHMAN, HUH?
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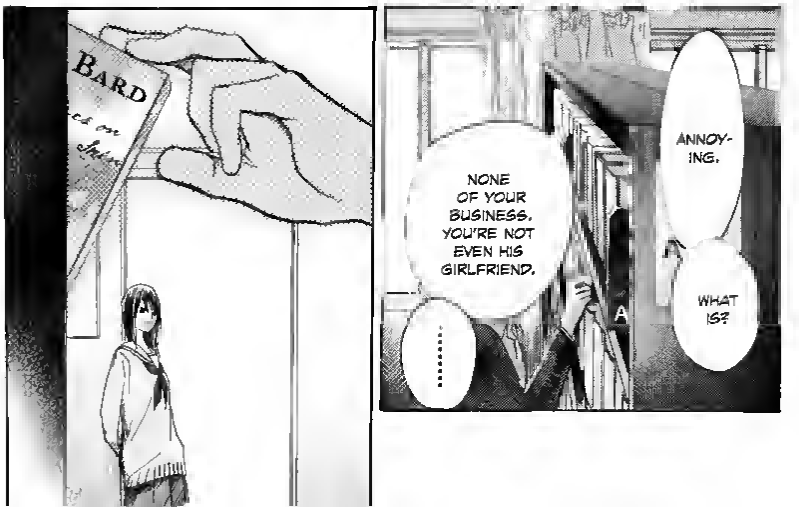
I WONDER WHO SENT THE THREAT.
SOME PSYCHO KID, I BET.
SHUT UP.
NOT THAT I'M ACCUSING YOU.
SHUT UP.


BARD
ANNOY-ING.
WHAT IS?
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS. YOU'RE NOT EVEN HIS GIRLFRIEND.
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I KNOW YOU TRUST HIM.
Hey, I've read that.
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T LET YOURSELF GET TOO CLOSE.
THERE YOU GO AGAIN.

KEEP THAT UP,
AND NOBODY IS EVER GOING TO BELIEVE YOU.

MAYBE.
Kid,
you are nothing like your big brother.
You're emo and you have emo hair. To be honest, you creep me out.
Why are you SO different?

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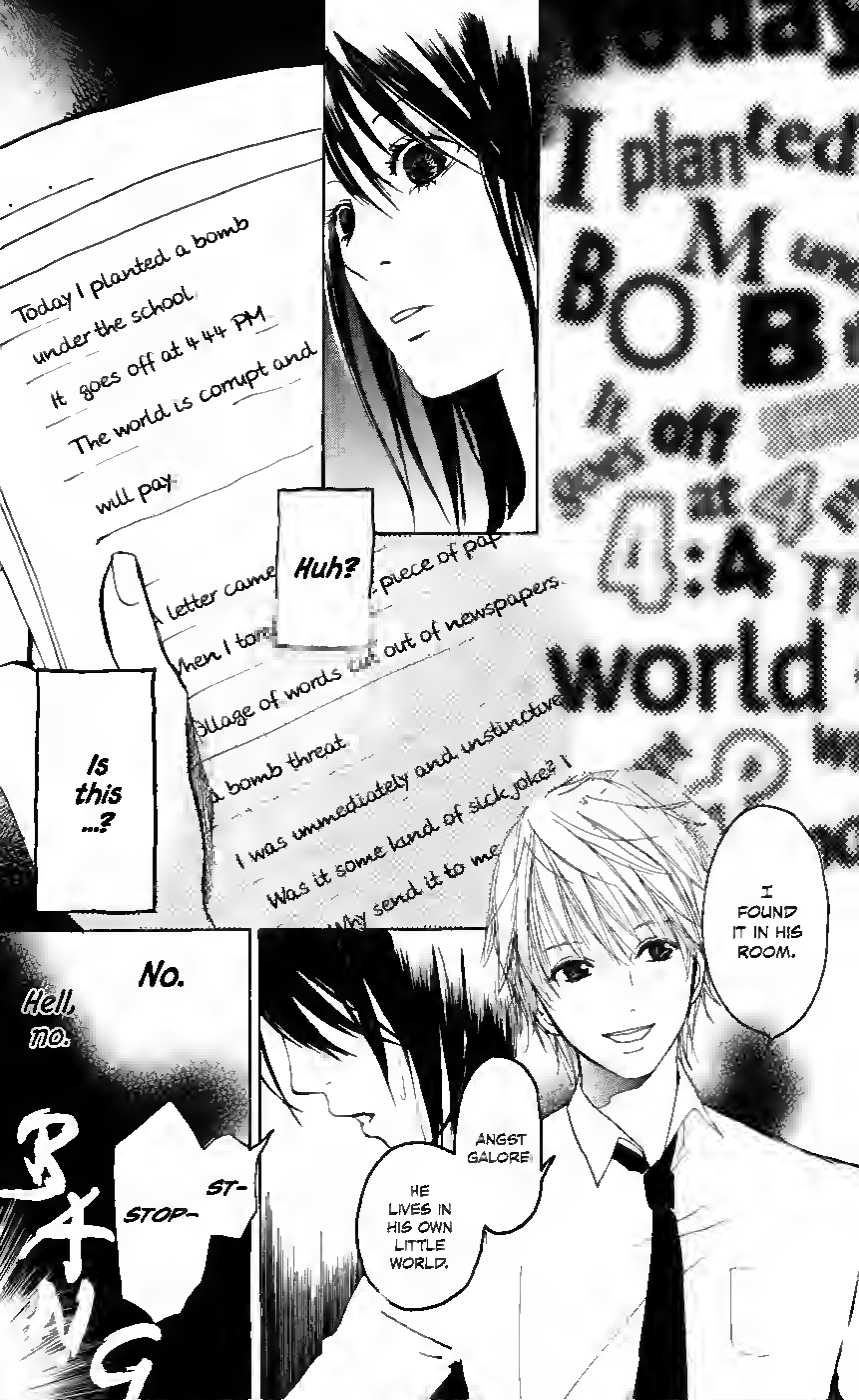
NOPE.
DID HE SAY ANYTHING BAD ABOUT ME?
YEAH?
I HAD A LITTLE CHAT WITH YOUR BROTHER AT SCHOOL.
NAGI,
I HOPE YOU'RE NOT TAKING HIM SERIOUSLY.
I REALLY DO.
A GRUDGE?
YEAH, WELL, I'VE GOT HIM BEAT IN PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING. SCHOOL, YOU NAME IT.
HE'S SORE ABOUT IT, I GUESS.
YEAH, JUST THE OTHER DAY—
I THINK HE HAS A GRUDGE AGAINST ME.
HE JUMPS AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ME LOOK B..D.

BUT I DON'T JUDGE GIRLS BY THEIR GRADES!
I swear!
HERE, NAGI.
YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE THIS.


Today I planted a bomb
under the school
It goes off at 4:44 PM
The world is corrupt and
will pay
Huh?
Is this ...?
I planted a BOMB
4:44
world
No.
Hell, no.
BANG
ST-
STOP-
HE LIVES IN HIS OWN LITTLE WORLD.
ANGST GALORE
I FOUND IT IN HIS ROOM.

WHAT ...
...ARE YOU DOING?

Yeah.
fwip
UH, NOTHING.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHAT'S WITH THE BAT?
What are you doing, kid?
RESORTING TO VIOLENCE NOW, JUST BECAUSE THINGS DON'T GO YOUR WAY?
SHOWS YOU'RE STILL A KID.
YOU'VE BEEN QUIET, THOUGH, AND NO WONDER.
YOU WERE WRITING A NOVEL. IT WAS LAME, BUT A NOVEL'S A NOVEL.
I FIGURED I SHOULD SUBMIT IT TO THE SCHOOL. DIDN'T WANT TO LET YOUR WORK GO TO WASTE AND ALL.
VOILA, A SPECTACULAR DEBUT ON THE NET FOR THE WHOLE COUNTRY TO SEE.
I DESERVE SOME CREDIT, DON'T I?

What the hell is this guy saying?
NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, YOU'RE STILL PATHETIC.
SHUT YOUR TRAP.
Kid...
WHAT'S THE BAT FOR,
HUH?
No, kid, don't do it.
NO!

HERE. I READ IT WITHOUT ASKING.
I'M SORRY.
.....
CAN YOU ...
...PUT THE BAT DOWN? PLEASE?
I...
...WANT TO READ THIS IF YOU'LL LET ME.

smash
EEK!

WH-
WHAT THE HELL?!
WHAT WAS HE THINKING?!
HE RUINED IT!
DID YOU SEE THAT, NAGI?!
Oh, dear God, no!
THAT'S IT! HE'S INSANE! NO JOKE!
THAT GLASS SHELF...
...WAS MADE IN ITALY!

Your little brother had tears in his eyes.
HUH? WHY?
I'M GOING HOME.
MAYBE.
YOU SHOULDN'T LET YOURSELF GET TOO CLOSE.

He was absolutely right.
BEST NOT TO DEAL WITH HIM.
WHO WROTE IT, A FRESHMAN?
BEATS ME.

That reminds me.
I don't know his name.

YOU LIKE BOOKS?
YEAH.

THAT'S HIS BEST WORK.
YOU WON'T FIND IT HERE.
I'LL LET YOU BORROW IT IF YOU WANT.
DOES ... YOUR FACE STILL HURT?
NOT STUDY-ING.
NOT TALK-ING.
NOTHING.
I CAN'T DO THINGS RIGHT.

MY FATHER ...
...AND MY BROTHER SAY...
...I SHOULDN'T EVEN EXIST.
YOU AGREE WITH THEM, RIGHT?
...
NO, I DON'T.
I DON'T KNOW YOU.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR NAME.
BUT...
...I CAN'T LEAVE YOU LIKE THIS.

YOU MIGHT START A FIRE OR SOMETHING IF I DID.
I WON'T HAVE THAT ON MY CONSCIENCE.
YOU'RE GOING TO CRY AGAIN LATER, AREN'T YOU?
YOU'RE A *GUY*, FOR GOD'S SAKE!
SO...
...TELL ME,
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
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